

REMARKS:

Applicant has canceled original Claim 1. Further, Applicant has added new Claims 2 through 5. Applicant respectfully suggests that such new claims, including the limitations set forth therein, should be allowed.

Applicant respectfully asserts that all of said new claims contained in this response include the specific limitation that the data input device be “hand-held.” None of the prior art references cited by the Examiner disclose such a hand-held device. Although pending U.S. application No. 2003/0181133 to Siders, et al. does show a data input device [Ref. # 114] that is separate from display device [Ref. #116] in Figure 4, there is no suggestion or other indication in the Siders application that said input device is portable, let alone a hand-held device. Applicant respectfully suggests that there is a significant difference between the input device being “separate” and “portable.”

It is acknowledged that the term “portable” is used in the Siders application, such as in paragraphs [0019] and [0044] of said application. However, these references clearly address the portability of the entire lens engraving system of Siders, not the specific data input device. The Siders application clearly points out that it is beneficial for the entire lens engraving system to be portable. By contrast, the only portion of the present invention that is ideally portable is the input device itself, which is specifically limited to a “hand-held” device in the amended claims. Put another way, it is not as important whether the other components of the present invention are portable, so long as the hand-held data input device used to control engraving job function(s) is portable.

With respect to new Claim 5, Applicant lists specific job functions which can be

controlled by the hand-held data input device of the present invention. As set forth in the original disclosure, the present invention relates to rotary engraving devices known in the art. It is respectfully submitted that these job functions are significantly different than any functions contemplated by the lens engraving system disclosed in the application of Siders.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to contact Applicant's representative, Ted M. Anthony, by telephone at (337) 262-9000 or facsimile at (337) 262-9001, if the Examiner has any questions concerning the subject application or this response.

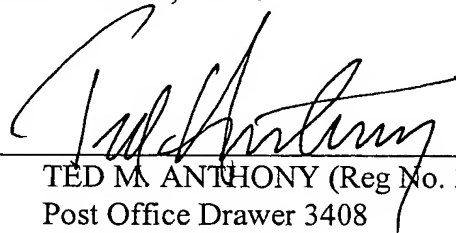
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the attached Response to First Office Action in the matter entitled "Rotary Engraving Apparatus" has on this 23rd day of May, 2005, been deposited with the United States Postal Service as "Post Office to Addressee Express Mail - Next Day Service" with Mailing Label Number ER 873936077 US affixed thereto and addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Post Office Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

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